What is claimed is:

1.   A mixing method executed by a first mixing apparatus including a plurality of input terminals when a second mixing apparatus is connected in cascade to part of the input terminals of the first mixing apparatus, comprising:

an input setting step of setting at least one audio signal input to part of the plurality of input terminals as at least one cascade signal supplied from the second mixing apparatus;

an input computing step of performing arithmetic operations on at least one audio signal input to at least one input terminal other than the part of the plurality of input terminals; and

a signal mixing step of mixing the at least one cascade signal and the at least one audio signal on which the arithmetic operations have been performed in said input computing step.

2.   A mixing method according to claim 1, wherein said input computing step comprises a delaying step of performing a delay process for correcting a time of delay from the second mixing apparatus to the first mixing apparatus.

3.   A mixing method executed by a second mixing apparatus when the second mixing apparatus is connected in cascade to input terminals of a first mixing apparatus, comprising:

a mixing step of mixing a plurality of input signals to output a plurality of output signals;

an output setting step of setting part of the plurality of output signals as at least one cascade signal to be supplied to the first mixing apparatus;

a computing and outputting step of performing arithmetic operations on at least one output signal other

than the part of the plurality of output signals, and
outputting the at least one other output signal on which
the arithmetic operations have been performed to the first
mixing apparatus; and

5   a cascade outputting step of directly outputting the
part of the plurality of output signals set as the cascade
signal to the first mixing apparatus.

          4.   A mixing apparatus including a plurality of
input terminals, part of the input terminals being

10   connected in cascade to another mixing apparatus,
comprising:

          an input setting device that sets at least one audio
signal input to part of the plurality of input terminals
as at least one cascade signal supplied from the other

15   mixing apparatus;

          an input computing device that performs arithmetic
operations on at least one audio signal input to at least
one input terminal other than the part of the plurality of
input terminals; and

20   a signal mixing device that mixes the at least one
cascade signal and the at least one audio signal on which
the arithmetic operations have been performed by said
input computing device.

          5.   A mixing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein

25   said input computing device comprises a delaying device
that performs a delay process for correcting a time of
delay from the other mixing apparatus to the mixing
apparatus.

          6.   A mixing apparatus including a plurality of

30   input terminals, part of the input terminals being
connected in cascade to another mixing apparatus,
comprising:

          a mixing device that mixes a plurality of input
signals to output a plurality of output signals;

35   an output setting device that sets part of the

plurality of output as at least one cascade signal to be supplied to the other mixing apparatus;

a computing and output device that performs arithmetic operations on at least one output signal other than the part of the plurality of output signals, and outputs the at least one other output signal on which the arithmetic operations have been performed to the other mixing apparatus; and

a cascade outputting device that directly outputs the part of the plurality of output signals set as the cascade signal to the other mixing apparatus.

7. A program executed by a computer to cause a first mixing apparatus including a plurality of input terminals to execute a mixing method when a second mixing apparatus is connected in cascade to part of the input terminals of the first mixing apparatus, comprising:

an input setting module for setting at least one audio signal input to part of the plurality of input terminals as at least one cascade signal supplied from the second mixing apparatus;

an input computing module for performing arithmetic operations on at least one audio signal input to at least one input terminal other than the part of the plurality of input terminals; and

a signal mixing module for mixing the at least one cascade signal and the at least one audio signal on which the arithmetic operations have been performed by said input computing module.

8. A program according to claim 7, wherein said input computing module comprises a delaying module for performing a delay process for correcting a time of delay from the second mixing apparatus to the first mixing apparatus.

9. A program executed by a computer to cause a second mixing apparatus to execute a mixing method when

the second mixing apparatus is connected in cascade to input terminals of a first mixing apparatus, comprising:

a mixing module for mixing a plurality of input signals to output a plurality of output signals;

5   an output setting module for setting part of the plurality of output signals as at least one cascade signal to be supplied to the first mixing apparatus;

a computing and outputting module for performing arithmetic operations on at least one output signal other 10   than the part of the plurality of output signals, and outputting the at least one other output signal on which the arithmetic operations have been performed to the first mixing apparatus; and

a cascade outputting module for directly outputting 15   the part of the plurality of output signals set as the cascade signal to the first mixing apparatus.